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respectively, which was then cut off in a similar manner as described in Example 7 to form chip parts having a shape of Fig. 9 (perspective view).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8, as follows:

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1. (amended) A method for partially plating on a base, comprising:
 - a coating process to coat a coating material selected from the group consisting of a water soluble polymer and hydrolyzable polymer only on a predetermined coating area of the base by injection molding the coating material on the base,
 - a catalyst applying process to provide a plating catalyst on the base before or after the coating process,
 - a processing step for processing on the base, and
 - a coated material removing process for entirely removing the coating material applied on the predetermined coating area of the base in the coating process by washing with liquid containing water.
 2. (amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, in which the base is cut to a number of base portions.
 3. (twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, which comprises:
 - a roughing process to rough a base surface of the base,
 - said coating process to partially coat a roughed surface with the coating material,
 - said catalyst applying process to apply the plating catalyst on the surface except a coated portion with the coating material as the processing step,
 - said coated material removing process, and
 - a plating process to plate on a catalyst applied surface.
 4. (twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, which comprises:
 - said coating process to partially coat a base surface with said coating material,

a roughing process to rough the base surface except a coated portion with the coating material,

said catalyst applying process to apply the plating catalyst on a roughed surface as the processing step,

said coated material removing process, and

a plating process to plate on a catalyst applied surface formed in the catalyst applying process.

5.(twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 3, in which said catalyst applying process and said coating material removing process are conducted simultaneously.

6.(twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, which comprises in order:

a roughing process to rough a base surface,

said catalyst applying process to apply the plating catalyst on the surface,

said coating process to partially coat the surface with said coating material,

a plating process to plate on the surface except a coated portion with the coating material as the processing step, and

said coated material removing process.

7.(twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, which comprises in order:

a roughing process to rough a base surface,

said catalyst applying process to apply the plating catalyst on the surface,

a plating process to plate on the surface with the plating catalyst,

said coating process to partially coat the surface with said coating material,

a removing process to remove a plated layer formed in the plating process except the coated portion as the processing step, and

said coated material removing process.

8. (twice amended) A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 1, in which said coating material is polylactate or a mixture or copolymer of polylactate as a main component with aliphatic polyester.

Please add new claims 9-11, as follows:

9. A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 4, in which said catalyst applying process and said coating material removing process are conducted simultaneously.

10. A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 9, wherein said catalyst applying process includes applying the plating catalyst onto the base, washing with water, and providing an accelerator treatment to precipitate a catalyst metal on the base.

11. A method for partially plating on a base as claimed in claim 5, wherein said catalyst applying process includes applying the plating catalyst onto the base, washing with water, and providing an accelerator treatment to precipitate a catalyst metal on the base.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please entirely change the abstract, as attached herewith.

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and clerical errors of the specification have been amended.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In view of the rejection, claims have been amended. In regard to claim 5, as explained from page 10, line 4 from the bottom to page 12, line 4 of the specification, in the catalyst applying process, a plating catalyst is applied onto the base surface, and then washed with water, and thereafter, an accelerator treatment is made. This process can be